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Office Action Summary

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JESSICA LAUX

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 28 September 2005.
2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3 is/are rejected.
7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 28 September 2005 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-8508)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. The limitation "completing the floor of the balcony by any known method" is indefinite as it does not clearly identify what applicant intends his invention to encompass, nor does it provide metes and bounds to the claim.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over DE19816529.

Claim 1: DE1986529 discloses a method of constructing multi-storey building balconies, characterized by the steps of:

- (a) prefabricating a balcony skeleton (as seen in figure 1) comprising:
 - a floor beam structure platform (4,14);
 - a three-side rail (7);

attachment means (10,11,12) for anchoring the balcony skeleton to an exterior building wall; and

a support member (2,13) configured to be supported by a first tubular post (1) extending from below, as well as to support a second tubular post (1) extending upright above the platform;

(b) erecting the first tubular post (1) from the ground in alignment with the support member (as seen in figures 1-2);

(c) lifting a first balcony skeleton up to a first storey location against the building wall (as seen in figures 1-2);

(d) supporting the balcony skeleton by the first tubular post (1);

(e) anchoring the balcony skeleton to the building wall by the attaching means (as seen in figure 1);

(f) mounting the second tubular post (1) to the support member (as seen in figures 1-2);

(g) lifting a second balcony up to a second storey location (as seen in figure 2);

(h) supporting the second balcony by the second tubular post (as seen in figure 2);

(i) anchoring the second balcony to the building wall by the attaching means; and so forth with respect to the remaining stories of the building; and

(k) completing the floor of the balcony by any known method.

DE1986529 does not expressly disclose breaking openings in the building wall to attain access to the balconies. However, at the time the invention was made, one of

ordinary skill in the art would have had the common sense to create openings in the existing building to allow access to the newly constructed balconies as it is notoriously common and well known to access a balcony from the interior of a building

DE1986529 does not expressly disclose that the support member a post is located at the center of the platform. However, it would have been an obvious matter of design choice to a person of ordinary skill in the art to have substitute four outer posts for one central post as the placement of supports is a design specification calculated and determined on various factors including aesthetics and load.

Claim 2: The method of claim 1 wherein the tubular posts are telescopically received by the support member (as seen in figure 1).

Claim 3: The method of claim 1 wherein the balcony is supported by two or more tubular posts (as seen in the figures).

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to JESSICA LAUX whose telephone number is (571)272-8228. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday thru Thursday, 9:00am to 5:00pm (est).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Richard Chilcot can be reached on 571-272-6777. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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